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The 1968 Exhibit – Be there or be square

See Jimi Hendrix purple jacket, Mr. Roger's sweater, vintage albums, Vietnam-era artifacts and more

The 1968 Exhibit at the History Colorado Center in Denver brings to life this pivotal American year through photographs, artifacts, vintage pop culture items and interactive materials. According to History Colorado, this exhibit was developed by the Minnesota History Center, in partnership with the Atlanta History Center, the Chicago History Museum and the Oakland Museum of California, *The 1968 Exhibit* is an ambitious, multimedia experience that looks at how the events of the year have fueled a persistent, if often contradictory, sense of identity for the people who were there and those who came after.

The Town of Estes Park Senior Services Division is offering a day trip to see the exhibit on Tuesday, March 24. Register at the Estes Park Senior Center, 220 Fourth Street, by Tuesday, March 10. The cost is \$34 for Estes Park Senior Citizens Center, Inc. or \$36 for non-members and includes admission, tour and transportation. There is a minimum of 10 participants required for this trip.

According to the History Colorado Center website, you will witness the reality of war with Vietnam-era artifacts such as a full-size Huey helicopter, a draft notice, helmets and other gear. View an actual program from Dr. King's funeral service, and see a camera used to photograph Robert Kennedy the night he was shot. Three interactive lounges focus on the music, design, movies and TV that shaped a generation. While in the exhibit, you can cast a vote in the '68 presidential election, listen to music by '60s rock icons, and challenge friends to a 1960s trivia quiz about music and TV of the time.

History Colorado offers further insight. In 1968, the death toll in the Vietnam War reached a new high. Riots and demonstrations raged across the country, Apollo 8 orbited the moon, and the nation was transformed by the tragic assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy. The 1960s also charted a dramatic road in America's pop culture. It was in 1968 that *Hair* opened on Broadway, "Laugh-In" debuted on television and Johnny Cash gave his famous performance at Folsom Prison.

For more information, please contact the Estes Park Senior Center at (970) 586-2996 or visit the Center at 220 Fourth Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please visit the Senior Services website at www.estes.org/seniorcenter. To receive Senior Services news in your e-mail inbox, please e-mail lmitchell@estes.org

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